

PA District 22

Game Directors
Presentation

Why A Game Director?

- Ensure that a Fair Game is Played
- Provide communications between Managers, DA, Umpires, and Host league
- Prevent and correct problems
- Make sure rules are followed

Communications

- Day before the Game
 - Call both managers and inform them of schedule
 - Call president if game was not scheduled on their field
- After the Game
 - Call Score to DA
 - Problem situations report verbally and if serious document problem
 - Thank Host league

Pre-Game Duties

- Walk the field and introduce yourself
- Get Affidavits and line-ups
- Check for non-eligible pitchers and make a list of these
- Check equipment
- Talk to Players
- Conduct a coin flip in order to determine home team
- Talk to scorer and announcer
- Conduct Pre-game ceremonies
- Get game started on time

Affidavits

- Any problems call Earle Mercadante first and if not available Peter Vardakas
- Affidavits will have cover sheet showing what is missing
- Call Earle Mercadante if manager tries and give you info so Earle knows what is going on
- Managers suppose to have with him or her:
 - Copies of Birth Certificates
 - Boundary map with proof of residency
 - Copies of waivers if any
 - Medical Release forms

Arriving at field

- No batting practice allowed
- Check and make sure catcher has mask on
- Walk playing field and ask for corrections
- Make sure the team traveling the furthest distance is at 3rd base
- You along with the umpires are responsible for field suitability
- Call either DA or Tournament Director if not sure

Affidavits

- Call DA if you have Players replacement or additions
- Checking Affidavits
 - Check for ineligible pitchers
 - Keep Affidavits in your possession or turn over to score keeper
 - make sure results are correct and then sign them and return them to manager

Equipment Check

- Get players to help you line up all equipment
- Make sure all player personal equipment is taken out of bags
- Check
 - Bats
 - Batting helmets – Padding and cracks
 - Catchers helmet
 - Catchers equipment
 - Jewelry
 - No Spikes for 9 to 12 or Softball
 - No batting rings

Talk to Players

- Different ages different talk
- Decorum (Sit on bench and Root for team)
- Leaving the Dugout
- Jewelry
- Spikes
- Catcher
- Head First Slides (9 to 12)
- On-Deck Batters (9 to 12)

Game Management

- In order to speed up all games and make sure we get a complete game (6 or 7 innings). The following areas were discussed for implementation.
 1. Substitutions by player number
 2. Umpires and managers to get substitutions in quicker
 3. Pitcher warm-ups to be standardized and monitored more closely
 4. Managers and umpires to hustle teams between innings
 5. Umpires to have 2 game ball in ball bag
 6. Umpires to ball back to pitcher while catcher is retrieving ball
 7. Teams to have someone designated to retrieve bats
 8. Umpires and game directors to make sure games start on time

Pre-Game Ceremonies

- Coin Flip any time – Team traveling furthest gets to call Both teams do not have to there
- Check line up before turning them over to score keeper and other team
- Where should players line up – Your call –go to positions or baseline
- Talk to score keeper

Pre-Game Conference Conducted by Umpire

- Pitcher eligibility (Before)
- Getting a Time Out
- Relief Pitcher warm up with 3rd player (Before)
- Protest of Rules procedure
- Field ground rules
- Substitutions
- Game Management

Scorekeeper and New Scorebook

- Get with scorekeeper to make sure they can keep the score and tally up the results and keep track of pitch count
- Make sure of Pitch count recording and announcing
- Do not announce pitch count over PA system

Duties During Game

- Get good position to watch dugouts and fans
- Authorized personnel in dugouts and field
- Communicate with score keeper
- Rowdy Fans
- Manager, Coach, Player ejection
- Injuries
- Help umpires
- Refreshments after game

After The Game

- Return Affidavits
- Call in Scores
- Make out Game Report
- Thank Host League
- If Game is tied, incomplete or less than one inning
 - Call Peter Vardakas at 610-331-1282 – Do not let teams leave

Affidavit

- Date of Game – Date game started
- Level of play – District, Section, State etc.
- Pitcher – Name of Pitcher
- League Age – 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, etc.
- Number of pitches – total pitches
- Name of Opponent – Opposing Team
- Score – Score when pitcher removed

Affidavit Pitch Count and Rest

- Signature – Pitch /counter, Scorekeeper or Game Director
- Rest Needed Days- Based on pitches thrown and league Age

<u>Age -</u>	<u>Pitch limit-</u>		<u>Pitches thrown-</u>	<u>Days –</u>	<u>Games</u>
9-10	75	!	1-20	0	0
11-12	85	!	21-45	1	1
13-14	95	!	46-95	2	1
15-16	95	!	1-35	0	0
17-18	105		36- 60	1	1
		!	61- 105	2	1

Initial by Manager – make sure he or she agrees and initials

- Note: 14 year old pitcher pitching in Senior division is recorded as a 15-16 year old

Problem Situations

- No Umpire present 20 minutes before game time
 - Call Jim Smith, Rick Gimble, or Crew Chief if that fails call Earle Mercadante or Peter Vardakas
- One Umpire present
 - Need two make same calls or get someone to help that is qualified

Problem Situations

- No Affidavit
 - Get teams scorebook and as much info as possible
 - Call DA
 - Game should not have to be postponed
- On-Deck Batter
 - No holding bats in dugout – Be firm and nasty if you have to

Problem Situations

- Player with Catchers Glove
 - must have mask with throat guard – No exceptions
- Rules Protest
 - Do not give a ruling
 - Call Tournament Director
- Player Eligibility Protest
 - Call DA if before or after game
 - If during game wait until game is finished before accepting protest

Problem Situations

- Team shows up with 12 players
 - Only one manager and Coach permitted once game starts
 - Either manager or coach must be in dugout at all times – Player must coach
 - Once game starts no one else allowed in dugout even if a player shows up late

Problem Situations

- Manager or coach ejected Injured or Ill
 - If this leaves only one in dugout the team cannot replace the ejected person but can replace an Injured or ill manager or Coach
- Substitute Manager or Coach is permitted for each game
- Team shows up with 8 or less players
 - find out problem and call Peter Vardakas
 - Only Eastern Region can forfeit a game

Problem Situations

- Forfeited Game
 - Forfeited game is not counted as a game played and no pitching records will be recorded